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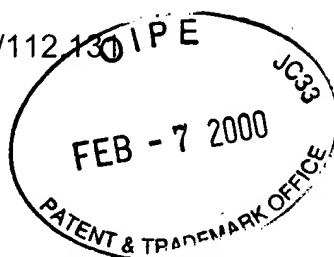
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:
Walker et al.

Application No.: 09/112,131

Filed: July 8, 1998

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
A CRYPTOGRAPHICALLY-
ASSISTED COMMERCIAL
NETWORK SYSTEM DESIGNED
TO FACILITATE AND SUPPORT
EXPERT-BASED COMMERCE



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) **AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**
) **to the Non-final Office Action**
) **Mailed August 3, 1999**
) **(Paper No. 9)**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed August 3, 1999, (Paper No. 9), entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks into the above identified application is respectfully requested.